MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oaths and signed the rolls :-

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Executive Engineer in charge of the Chief Engneers duties.*) and

Mr.C. S. Lakshmanan Pillai (*Ag. Public Service Commissioner*).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE AND THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. I have to announce that last evening the elections to the Public Accounts Committee and the Standing Finance Committee were conducted by the Deputy President; and the following are the results :-

Publice Accounts Committee : Mr. K. Kunju Panickar has secured 31 votes and Mr. M. L. D'cruz has secured 27 votes. Since these two have secured the largest number of votes they are declared elected.

Standing Finance Committee : Mr. M. R. Narayana Pillai has secured 17 votes and Mr. Varkala K. Madhavan secured 16 votes. Since these two have secured the largest number of votes, they are declared elected.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE HINDU GAINS OF LEARNING BILL.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI : Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Hindu Gains of Learning Bill, as passed by the Sri Chitra State Council, be taken into consideration.

MR. VARKALA K MADHAVAN : I second it.

The question that the Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 4.

The question that clauses 1 to 4 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 4 were added to the Bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and the Title do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The Preamble and the Title were added to the Bill.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI : Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be passed.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : I second it.

The question that the Bill be passed was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE KSHATRIYA ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. E. E. PANDARATHIL (*Travancore Jenmies, South*) : Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Kshatriya Act (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration.

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MR. P. G. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Member nominated for the Kshatriya Act Amendment Bill*) : I second it.

The question that the Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 4.

The question that clauses 1 to 4 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 4 were added to the Bill.

Schedule, Preamble and Title.

The question that the Schedule, Preamble and Title do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The Schedule, Preamble and Title were added to the Bill.

MR. A. E. PANDARATHIL : Sir, I move that the bill be passed.

MR. P. G. RAMA VARMA RAJA : I second it.

The question that the Bill be passed was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE EZHAVA BILL—ADDITION OF A MEMBER TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE.

MR. N. R. KRISHNAN : Sir, I move that Mr. T. K. Narayanan, Member, Nominated for the purpose of the Ezhava Bill, be added to the Select Committee appointed to consider it.

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VYDIAN : I second it.

The motion was carried.

THE TRAVANCORE SPECIAL MARRIAGE AND SUCCESSION BILL.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Sir, I move that the Travancore Special Marr age and Succession Bill be passed.

(Mr. P. S. Muhamed rose to move an amendment at this stage).

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : Sir, the amendment cannot be moved ordinarily except with the special permission of the chair.

PRESIDENT : Yes, I know that.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI : Sir, I have also a few formal amendments to move.

PRESIDENT : As Mr. Padmanabha Pillai pointed out, it is no doubt a well-recognised procedure that at the third reading stage no amendment is allowed except with the leave of the Chair and under special circumstances. It has, however, come to the notice of Government and of the Chair that a proportion of the Muslim population of the State feels that the application of this Bill to Muslims might conflict with Quranic injunctions and might be against their religious dictates. Knowing as I do how solicitous this House is, as it should be, regarding the feelings of any minority which feels strongly on a matter of this kind, I have thought it best to allow the honourable member to move the amendment which he will now do.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED : Sir, I beg to move that the following be added as sub-clause (2) of clause 2 numbering the present clause 2, as sub-clause (1) of clause 2 :-

"*Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (1) of clause 2 the provisions of this act shall not be applied to the Muslim Community*".

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